

JOINT CITY-COUNTY AIRPORT BOARD

Minutes of Meeting

Monday, August 10, 2009, 10:00AM

Stillwater County Annex, Suite C

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Alan Drain, Roger Johnston, Willard Moore, Waymoth (Fitz) Fitzgerald, Joe Morse

OTHERS:

Maureen Davey, BOCC Representative; Allen Rickman, Airport Manager; Gary Woltermann, Columbus Mayor

GUESTS:

Gene Wasia, Morrison-Maierle

STAFF:

Forrest Mandeville and Marissa Plumb

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Fitzgerald called the meeting order at 10:00AM.

II. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

Joe made the motion that the minutes from the previous meeting be approved. Roger seconded ; with all in favor, motion carried.

III. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Runway Cracks. Roger spoke to the Board about FAA funding and what can be done possibly this year and next year. Gene said that the number one item that needs to be addressed is maintenance. FAA will cover a lot of maintenance but the Board needs to have a Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Maureen asked the Board and Gene if the filling of the cracks can wait until next year or if it needs to be addressed this year before the ground freezes. Gene said the 95% of cracks that were fixed last year are still ok, but there are a few large cracks that need to be filled this year. The Board wanted to discuss this issue at the next meeting and possibly include repair in the CIP, which needs to be amended and updated.

Board discussed what needs to be included on the CIP. Airport maintenance can include a snow removal plan with tractor and plow; a hanger would also be needed to house this equipment when not in use: annual filling of the cracks, and basically any normal maintenance needed to have a functioning airport. The Board agreed to have the CIP in order of importance by the next meeting (September 14, 2009). Roger and Alan will head up a subcommittee that is responsible for having the CIP draft ready for detailed discussion at the next meeting.

B. Electric Transformer for the East End. The improvements for the transformer will be included in the CIP. Gene informed the Board that if it's a good CIP then FAA may fund the transformer improvement as well.

C. Sewer Lift Station for the West End. The improvements to the sewer will also be included in the CIP for next month's meeting.

IV. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Fence Project---Update. Forrest addressed the Board regarding Travis Eickman's email about the fence project, which was sent to the Board last week. The start of the fencing project at the Columbus Airport will begin August 24, 2009 not August 17 as had been proposed at the pre-construction meeting. Joe made a motion to approve new start date on the fencing project. Alan seconded; with all members in favor, motioned carried.

B. Hardin Graham—Hangar. Gary told the Board that he is still interested in building the hangar, but all of the estimates that he has gotten have been very high.

V. AIRPORT AUTHORITY SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT: Maureen noted that this issue is very important to our community, because the airport is crucial to Stillwater County and brings a lot of economic development to our area. Willard would like to have an article in the newspaper that discusses the importance of the Columbus Airport. Maureen stated that there is a reporter present at all of the Commissioner Meetings, so there are often articles mentioning action the Commissioners take at their meetings.

Fitz advised to the Board that he would like the annual budget for next year to be done early so they know what to expect when it comes to funding and other financial responsibilities of the Columbus Airport.

Roger stated that because of the progress the Airport Authority Sub-Committee has made, the Committee can be dissolved and need no longer appear on the agenda. Roger believes that the issue of funding the Airport is presently at the discretion of the Town and County. If those entities are satisfied with the current process, and if the Airport is currently being funded appropriately, there is no need to change the funding process.

VI. FINANCE REPORT:

Joe reported that the balance in the account is \$10,581 and everyone is paid up in regards to hangar rent.

VII. MANAGER'S REPORT: Allen addressed the Board about self-fueling. The Board discussed the issue.

VIII. OTHER: No other items were discussed.

IX. ADJOURN MEETING:

With no more business to discuss, Fitz adjourned the meeting at 10:49 AM.

Marissa Plumb
Administrative Assistant